THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Yes, Sir. Because it is a thing in which the matter was proved satisfactorily. So, as far as this Government are concerned, I do not see why the matter should be pursued further."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it correct finance to find for short-term deposits investment in long-term investments? So, is there not a *prima facie* case for referring this matter to an expert body like the Reserve Bank of India? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" The whole matter arose on account of financial stringency because it was difficult to find the necessary funds in the market for the Land Mortgage Bank. So, this method was resorted to, and finally when the necessary funds were found on account of this arrangement, it was felt that there was no necessity to pursue the matter any further."

Transport of fish between Shoranur and Kozhikode

* 109 Q.—DR. P. S. SRINIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact—

(i) that large quantities of fish are being sent by trains from stations between Shoranur and Kozhikode ; and

(ii) that passengers travelling by trains and people living near the railway stations are suffering on account of the bad odour emanating from the parcels ; and

(*b*) whether the State Government would suggest to the Central Government that fish parcels should be sent only in refrigerator vans and not in ordinary vans, wherefrom a lot of bad smell emanates?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (*a*) (i) Yes. (ii) Fresh fish does not emanate any bad odour. Occasionally some slight smell might emanate from the fish parcels, but it will not be such as to cause discomfort to the passengers or the people around.

" (*b*) The railway authorities are already running refrigerated railway vans for the transport of fish from Mettur Dam to Madras and they have been requested to charge concessional rates so that fish could be transported regularly to Madras by these vans and sold at economic rates to the public. Extension of this facility to other places will be considered if the railways agree to charge concessional rates."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Sir, is not the fish carried in trains amidst blocks of ice? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" Yes, they are only sent in that way. Still, sometimes, even when so sent, foul smell emanates."

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JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" May I know whether this Government have asked the Government of India for concessional rates for the transport of fish by railway, as after all the railways are our railways? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" The matter is under correspondence with them. One or two methods of transport have been tried, and it was found under those methods that the fish arrived at the place of destination in a very good condition. So the matter is being pursued now with the railway authorities."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Sir, will Government think of charging for transport of fish the parcel rates now charged for fruits? Sir, the lowest rates are being charged for transport of fruits. My information is that for fruits only quarter rates are being charged. Similarly, for the transport of fish will Government think of charging only quarter rates? "

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" There is this difference between fruits and fish. Fruits are being transported in ordinary vans, while fish cannot be so transported. It is being sent packed in ice. And if it is to be sent in refrigerator vans, special wagons will have to be provided, and those wagons are costlier than ordinary wagons. That is why the railway authorities are levying special rates for the transport of fish."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

DISCUSSION OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1951-52.

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the last occasion I said that any criticism levelled in this House or in the other House was ineffective, as our friends sitting on the Treasury Bench had already committed themselves to the new services mentioned in the Supplementary Estimates. So, Sir, any criticism levelled now is of no consequence. But I must take advantage of this occasion to speak again about the seasonal conditions prevailing in many parts of this State. I am afraid, as I said last time, my hon. Friend, the Revenue Minister's outlook has become that of a brown bureaucrat. He seems to have forgotten altogether his past career, which is by no means inglorious. In the policy of famine relief he pursues he has not included several measures."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" May I know how you define a bureaucrat? "

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Bureaucrats are those who are not affected by anything they see around. They